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1. The firm Agfa-Wolfen needs 120 m of "Synchromal" pipe, which is made of siliceous chrome and manganese. Funds to the amount of 35,000 DM West are available for the purchase of this pipe, whether by legal or illegal means is a matter of indifference. The manufacture of acetic acid anhydride depends upon this pipe, without which the firm cannot manufacture medicaments and will have to withdraw from the export market.
2. The pharmaceutical Fabrik Heyden is building a new plant to manufacture phenacetin. It will probably be ready in the early spring of 1953, and is expected to have a production of 10 tons in the second half of the year. Its full annual capacity will be 25 tons. The Heyden firm is the principal manufacturer of eye medicines in East Germany. Its products are for treating ordinary eye diseases, not for injuries caused by poison gas.
3. The pharmaceutical factory at Quedlinburg-Harz has been nationalized under the name Philopharm-VEB. It formerly produced 200 to 250 kg of pyramidon per month, but is no longer making pyramidon, the production of which has been taken over by the Leuna factory.
4. The pharmaceutical firms of August Schöne at Naumburg-Saale, Richter of Gotha, Wuckel, Perimidin of Naumburg-Saale, and Dr. Hahn-Lücke and Widde of Rostock have also been nationalized. The Hahn-Lücke and Widde firms have been consolidated under the name VEB-Pepton. They manufacture a pepsin preparation. August Schöne manufactures ampoules; Richter, plastic braces; Wuckel, the preparation "Ostrazit".
5. The firm of Bück at Oranienburg, manufactures chemical-protective filters. Production has just commenced.

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6. The VEB-Jenapharm is building a streptomycin plant which will be completed in a short time.
7. The Schering and Jenapharm firms produce 220 kg of chloromycetin yearly. The manufacture is done by a different synthetic process at each firm.
8. East Germany has appropriated 20 million DM annually for chemical research, at the rate of 5,000,000 DM per quarter. In the last quarter 4,000,000 of this was cancelled. The result is that none of the experts assigned to research tasks has received any pay.

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